

**§ 90-171.81. (For repeal, see editor's note) Findings and declaration of purpose.**

- (a) The General Assembly of North Carolina makes the following findings:
  - (1) The health and safety of the public are affected by the degree of compliance with and the effectiveness of enforcement activities related to states' nurse licensure laws.
  - (2) Violations of nurse licensure and other laws regulating the practice of nursing may result in injury or harm to the public.
  - (3) The expanded mobility of nurses and the use of advanced communication technologies as part of our nation's health care delivery system require greater coordination and cooperation among states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation.
  - (4) New practice modalities and technology make compliance with individual states' nurse licensure laws difficult and complex.
  - (5) The current system of duplicative licensure for nurses practicing in multiple states is cumbersome and redundant to both nurses and states.
- (b) The purposes of this Compact are to:
  - (1) Facilitate the states' responsibility to protect the public's health and safety.
  - (2) Ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation.
  - (3) Facilitate the exchange of information between party states in the areas of nurse regulation, investigation, and adverse actions.
  - (4) Promote compliance with the laws governing the practice of nursing in each jurisdiction.
  - (5) Through the mutual recognition of party state licenses, grant all party states the authority to hold nurses accountable for meeting all state practice laws in the states in which their patients are located at the time care is rendered. (1999-245, s. 1; 2017-140, s. 1.)